AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium comprising:

a main-information area in which a metal reflection film is formed on a substrate where a row of pits is formed as main data, and in which information is to be reproduced by irradiating said metal reflection film with a beam of light;

a sub-information area in which medium identification information is to be recorded by removing said metal reflection film partially so as to form a plurality of reflection-film removed areas, wherein the medium identification information is to be used to identify the optical recording medium individually; and

a row of pits formed on the substrate in said sub-information area,

wherein a track pitch of said row of pits formed on the substrate in said sub-information area is at least 0.24 μm wide and at most 0.45 μm wide,

wherein a track pitch of a row of pits formed on the substrate in said main-information area is at most 0.43 μm wide, ~~and~~

wherein the track pitch of ~~the~~ said row of pits in said sub-information area is different from [[a]] the track pitch of ~~the~~ said row of pits in said main-information ~~main information~~ area, and

wherein said sub-information area is concentrically located closer to a center of the optical recording medium than said main-information ~~main information~~ area.

Claims 22-40 (Cancelled)

Claim 41 (Currently Amended) An information reproducing method for reproducing the optical recording medium according to claim 21,

wherein said metal reflection film is irradiated with a beam of light having a wavelength of 405 nm to reproduce information in:

~~the~~ said main-information area where said [[a]] row of pits is formed; and

~~the~~ said sub-information area in which the medium identification information is recorded.

Claim 42 (New) A read-only optical recording medium comprising:

a read-only main-information area in which a metal reflection film is formed on a substrate where a row of pits is formed as main data, and in which information is to be reproduced by irradiating said metal reflection film with a beam of light;

a read-only sub-information area in which medium identification information is to be recorded by removing said metal reflection film partially so as to form a plurality of reflection-film removed areas, wherein the medium identification information is to be used to identify the optical recording medium individually; and

a row of pits formed on the substrate in said sub-information area,

wherein a track pitch of said row of pits formed on the substrate in said sub-information area is at least 0.24 μm wide and at most 0.45 μm wide, and

wherein said sub-information area is concentrically located closer to a center of the read-

only optical recording medium than said main-information area.

Claim 43 (New) An information reproducing method for reproducing the read-only optical recording medium according to claim 42,

wherein said metal reflection film is irradiated with a beam of light having a wavelength of 405 nm to reproduce information in:

said main-information area where said row of pits is formed; and

said sub-information area in which the medium identification information is recorded.

Claim 44 (New) The read-only optical recording medium according to claim 44,

wherein a track pitch of a row of pits formed on the substrate in said main-information area is at most 0.43 μm wide, and

wherein the track pitch of said row of pits in said sub-information area is different from the track pitch of said row of pits in said main-information area.